

Mary Webley, A Petition to the General Assembly, 1776

To The Honourable the Speaker and
Gentlemen of the House of Delegates
The Petition of the unfortunate Mary Webley late a
Resident of the Borough of Norfolk humbly sheweth.
That your Petitioner on new years Day
last, while suckling her Child the youngest of three
now dependent on her, had her Leg broken by a
Cannon Ball from the Liverpool Man of War
That her Husband from the Loss of his right
Arm upwards of twenty Years since is scarcely
able to maintain himself
That She hath at present no Ways or Means
to procure Shelter or acquire Subsistence for herself
and miserable little Children, her Husband and
Self having had all their Effects totally destroyed
in the Flames of Norfolk from whence they
have been drove in most distressful Circumstances
Therefore prays this Honourable House will
on Consideration of the Premises grant unto
her such Aid and Relief as in their justice and
mercy shall seem right. And your Pet. H. V. U.

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